

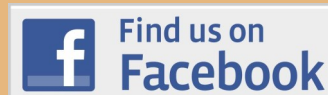


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BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

January is recognized as the Missouri Birth Defects Prevention and Awareness Month to remind all women of childbearing age that steps can be taken to promote a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. Since nearly half of all pregnancies are unplanned, it is critical that all women capable of becoming pregnant maintain optimal health, both before getting pregnant and between pregnancies. To improve birth outcomes and reduce the risk of birth defects, take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid daily. To prevent up to 70 percent of serious birth defects, abstain from alcohol; tobacco; illegal drugs; monitor medication and prescription drugs; and avoid exposure to secondhand smoke and harmful chemicals. Have a preconception checkup followed by early and regular prenatal visits, and learn your family's medical history. For more information, please visit <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/babies/pregnancyandbeyond/> or call the Bureau of Genetics and Healthy Childhood at 800-877-6246.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE CULTURE OF HEALTH LEADERS PROGRAM

The [Culture of Health Leaders Program](#) is pleased to announce that the [Call for Applications](#) for the 2017 cohort is now open. Please [register](#) to access the application system. The [application](#) process closes on Wednesday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All application materials, including the required video and references, must be submitted in the on-line application system by this deadline. Please consider attending the upcoming optional webinar for applicants interested in the Culture of Health Leaders Program on Tuesday, January 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. [Registration](#) is required. Additional information about the Culture of Health Leaders Program is available at the [Culture of Health Leaders website](#) and at the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's website](#).

FALL/WINTER EDITION OF SPHL'S NEWSLETTER: *BEYOND THE SCOPE*

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) would like to share with you their Fall/Winter edition of [Beyond the Scope](#). Past newsletter editions may be found [here](#). Thank you and hope you enjoy.

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- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

THE DHSS SNAPSHOT NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Snapshot Newsletter is now available through the following link: <http://health.mo.gov/information/news/snapshot/nov16.pdf>. The Snapshot is a bi-monthly publication. Look for future editions in the Friday Facts.

NEW SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Center for Sharing Public Health Services is offering up to five small grants to organizations that wish to explore, plan, implement, or improve some aspect of cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) in public health. This opportunity is available for public health agencies, organizations representing policymakers with the authority to enter into CJS agreements, or their designated agents. Proposals must fall into one of two categories: proposals focused on the implementation of a specific CJS arrangement among multiple jurisdictions; or proposals that are not linked to a specific CJS arrangement but otherwise contribute to the achievement of the Center's goals, which are described further in the call for proposals. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://phsharing.org/technical-assistance/small-grants-2017/>.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN FORMAT FOR MYDSS

The Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS) introduces a new myDSS website design that is more customer-friendly, and it is designed to help guide our customers to the services they need. While some of the design and navigation are changing, the functionality of the application and eligibility tools will remain the same. Located at <https://mydss.mo.gov/>, myDSS is a portal for DSS Family Support Division services and benefits with links for providers to access the family MO HealthNet eligibility application; simply click on the "Health Benefit Account" link in the footer of the page.

THE MISSOURI MILK, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association is accepting nominations for individuals who contribute noteworthy job related activities or provide outstanding leadership in the field of Environmental Public Health. The nomination should be specific as to why you consider this person exemplary. Awards include the Ecolab Sanitarian Citation Award, the Wilbur Feagan Award, and the Special Recognition Award. More information may be found at <http://www.mmfeha.org/index.php/awards>. The deadline for award nominations is February 25. Please send nominations to Steve.Crawford@jeffcohealth.org.

CDC MMWR PUBLICATION ABOUT ACCURACY OF CAUSE OF DEATH REPORTING

"Using National Inpatient Death Rates as a Benchmark to Identify Hospitals with Inaccurate Cause of Death Reporting - Missouri, 2009-2012" was published in the January 13 edition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. Reporting causes of death accurately is essential to public health and hospital-based programs; however, some United States' studies have identified substantial inaccuracies in cause of death reporting. Using the CDC's national inpatient hospital death rates as a benchmark, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) analyzed inpatient death rates reported by hospitals with high inpatient death rates in St. Louis and Kansas City metro areas. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

SOLICITING INTERVIEWS FROM KEY INFORMANTS

We want your input to help a project supporting chronic disease prevention and control among local health departments (LHDs) in Missouri. Ross Brownson, and colleagues, with the Prevention Research Center at Washington University in St. Louis are conducting a project to explore strategies to support the use of evidence-based efforts for chronic disease prevention and control among LHDs. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and supported by the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA). We would like to interview between 10 to 15 LHD directors and chronic disease control managers and staff from a range of LHDs in Missouri. The interview will last about an hour; and in appreciation of interviewees' time, we are offering a \$20 Amazon.com gift card. Please contact Renee Parks at renee.parks@wustl.edu, if you are willing to be interviewed or have any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

MISSOURI'S 2015 EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILES OF HIV, STDs, AND HEPATITIS

The 2015 Epidemiologic Profiles of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and hepatitis in Missouri and the six HIV care regions are now available at <http://health.mo.gov/data/hivstdaids/data.php>. These documents are intended to provide a summary of the epidemiology of HIV, STDs, hepatitis, and unmet primary medical care needs among individuals living with HIV through 2015. For more information, please contact Angie McKee at Angela.McKee@health.mo.gov or 573-751-6146.

THE 2017 PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM KICKOFF

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pleased to announce the kickoff of the 2017 Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) recruitment season. PHAP is looking for qualified associate and host site applicants, and we need your help spreading the word. The associate application period will be January 3–9 through USAJOBS, and the host site application period will be January 3–19 through PHAP. PHAP is a two-year, on-the-job training program funded by CDC. Associates are assigned to state, tribal, local, and US territorial public health agencies; nongovernmental organizations (community based organizations, public health institutes and associations, and academic institutions); and CDC quarantine stations. Currently, PHAP has more than 375 public health associates fulfilling hands-on workforce needs at host sites across 44 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia. For more information, please click [here](#).

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- WIC Certification ME Reminder
- Online Hemocue Training
- CEU Corner

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING

The following class has been extended through **January 27**:

- **Program Coordinator (Mental Health) (Health and Senior Services)**

Interested applicants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/>.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTANT NURSE – Child Care Health Consultation Program Manager

The Child Care Health Consultation Program (CCHC) in the Center for Local Public Health Services (CLPHS) is seeking experienced public health nurse applicants for the Public Health Consultant Nurse position located in Jefferson City. Please click [here](#), to view the entire position announcement and for additional information on applying for this position. The deadline for applications is **January 31**.

PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST – Maternal and Child Health

The Department of Health and Senior Services is seeking applicants for a Public Health Epidemiologist to oversee the work and operations of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology team within the Office of Epidemiology, Section of Epidemiology for Public Health Practice. Please click [here](#), to view the entire position announcement and for additional information on applying for this position. The deadline for applications is **January 26**.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

THE BACHELOR'S OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2017

The Bachelors of Health Science in Public Health Program (BPH) at the University of Missouri is offered through the Department of Health Sciences. The mission of the BPH program is to teach students to advance public health knowledge, promote healthy behaviors/ environments, prevent disease, and address and eliminate health disparities. We value health as a right, diversity as a strength, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration. This program is planned to be on-line. For more information about the BPH program, please visit <https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/health-sciences/bhs-in-health-science/bhs-public-health/> or e-mail the program director, Michelle Teti, DrPH, at tetim@health.missouri.edu.

TB OR NOT TB: CASE MANAGEMENT IN MISSOURI

Tuberculosis (TB) training for local public health agencies (LPHAs) and other health care providers is being offered at various locations across the state. The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) TB program staff will provide information and education about basic concepts related to TB prevention and control. Topics covered will include information and activities related to TB diagnosis, management of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) and active TB disease, treatment options for TB, the refugee program, diagnostic services program, and financial assistance available to LPHAs. This is a [one and a half day course](#), and participation in this course is a required pre-requisite to participate in the Drug Resistant TB Management class that will be offered later in the year. [Registration](#) is free, but required as class size is limited and printed materials are offered to all participants. If you would like to attend, please complete and e-mail the registration form to [Diana Winder](#) or fax to 573-526-0234 by February 20. If you have questions or need more information regarding this training, please call Diana at 573-526-5832.

ACADEMY ON VIOLENCE AND ABUSE (AVA) REGIONAL SUMMIT – March 10 & 11

The St. Louis Regional Health Commission will present the *Academy on Violence and Abuse Regional Summit* on Friday, March 10, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, March 11, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the St. Louis University Busch Student Center, 20 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis. This summit serves as an opportunity to create dialogue, raise awareness, and promote change in the way trauma and toxic stress are addressed by the St. Louis health care community. The keynote speakers will include Dr. Vince Felitti, lead investigator for the seminal Adverse Childhood Experiences study; and Dr. Robert Block, past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a national speaker on the topic of toxic stress and the impact on health across generations. This event is free and open to the public. Continuing Medical Education (CMEs) and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for physicians and other medical professionals.

THIRD ANNUAL MISSOURI TELEHEALTH SUMMIT - January 26

The third annual Missouri Telehealth Summit will be held January 26, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Jefferson City with complimentary registration for state employees. The Missouri Telehealth Summit brings together leaders, policymakers, providers, and payers for in-depth conversations about where we stand now and where we are going in this critical component of the health care industry. By gaining a better understanding of each stakeholder's perspective, patients can receive the best possible care despite obstacles such as geography or transportation that may have plagued them in the past. The Summit agenda will include sessions on the latest Medicaid telehealth regulations, lessons from a successful school-based telehealth program, a legislative panel, Show-Me Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO), and direct to consumer telemedicine. For more information and to register, please click [here](#); call 573-882-8792; or e-mail pancellat@health.missouri.edu.

MISSOURI ORAL HEALTH POLICY CONFERENCE – VICTORIES & CHALLENGES – March 9 & 10

Please join oral health advocates from around the state and country for the 2017 Oral Health Policy Conference, held by the Missouri Coalition for Oral Health at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on March 9 and 10. The 2017 Oral Health Policy Conference features cutting-edge presentations by national speakers; Oral Health Champion Awards; networking; exhibitors; a reception; and the best in oral health policy discussion about the future of Missouri's oral health! For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

SHOW-ME ECHO CLINIC SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION

As you know, the Show-Me Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) program has been serving health care providers throughout the state of Missouri for over two years. Currently the Autism, Asthma, Chronic Pain Management, Dermatology, and Hepatitis C ECHO clinics are welcoming new participants. The ECHO schedule and registration form can be found at www.showmeecho.com. The program will be kicking off a new ECHO clinic focused on Pediatric Psychiatry in April. More details to come soon!

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE – March 21-23

SAVE-THE-DATE UPDATE! An additional day has been added to the upcoming Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Center for Local Public Health Services' (CLPHS) Statewide Public Health Conference, to incorporate sessions for the Section for Disease Prevention. The DHSS/Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA) Public Health Conference "Addressing New Challenges - Mosquitoes, Drugs, Data, and More" will now be held **March 21 to 23** in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The conference is offered again this year at no charge to attendees, along with financial support for specified travel expenses of LPHA participants. The upcoming on-line registration will include specific travel reimbursement information. There will be a variety of [conference topics](#) for LPHA administrators as well as other LPHA and DHSS staff. An e-mail with the on-line conference registration form is coming soon!

NATIONAL NEW PARTNERS FOR SMART GROWTH CONFERENCE COMING TO ST. LOUIS - February 2-4

The 16th annual version of the nation's largest multi-disciplinary, smart growth, and sustainability conference will be in St. Louis February 2-4. Conference-related opportunities for local leaders will begin on February 1. This multi-disciplinary event will feature tools, strategies, focused trainings, innovative learning opportunities, and new technologies that will help communities now. Please see program details and registration information [here](#). **Early registration discount ends January 16.**

CONFERENCE-RELATED FREE IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP FOR ST. LOUISANS - February 1

Prior to the *Smart Growth Conference*, New Partners will offer a FREE workshop open to the public and conference participants on "D.I.Y. Great Cities: What to Do, Why Do It, and How to Get It Done" at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel, 800 Washington Avenue, on Wednesday, February 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This half-day will show you how community art, pop-up design, crowdfunding, youth engagement, and other elements can help you quickly identify local challenges and implement innovative solutions that aren't expensive yet can have a big impact. No need to register, just show up 30 minutes early to sign in! For more information, please click [here](#). Other pre-conference activities include a bike lane pop-up demonstration and a presentation from University-Community Partnerships on Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC). For more information, please contact Michele Warren at the Local Government Commission, 1303 J St., Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814; call 916-448-1198 Ext. 308; or e-mail mkwarren@lgc.org.

THE 2017 OMAHA SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - April 20-22

The 2017 Omaha System International Conference: A Key to Practice, Documentation, and Information Management will be held April 20-22 in Eagan, Minnesota. The conference offers knowledge gain about using electronic health records across diverse settings, exchanging health information, and enabling data sharing among practice; education; and research. For additional information about the conference; the call for poster abstracts; and award nominations; and to register, please visit www.omahasystem.org/conferences.html.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that is on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CASE MANAGER – Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center

The Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center is seeking applications for the position of Case Manager. This position will provide client-centered services for individuals with HIV/AIDS which will include optimizing access to and retention of health care; and providing education, support, referral, and guidance. In compliance with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and agency standards, this position will be responsible for completing an assessment to determine health and psychosocial needs and client eligibility for assistance with program benefits; and developing individualized service/care plans. Some travel is required. [Qualifications](#) list is provided. Please send resumes to Jane Wernsman, Director, Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, PO Box 1839, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or e-mail to cqchd@bigrivertel.net. Application deadline is February 2. The Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

BILLING SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, seeks candidates for the position of full-time Billing Specialist. For more information or to apply, please visit our [Career page](#).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, seeks candidates for the position of full-time Community Development Specialist. For more information or to apply, please visit our [Career page](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, seeks candidates for the position of full-time Environmental Health Specialist. For more information or to apply, please visit our [Career page](#).

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, seeks candidates for the position of full-time Quality Improvement (QI) Specialist. For more information or to apply, please visit our [Career page](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Lafayette County Health Department

The Lafayette County Health Department is now accepting applications for a full-time (4 days a week) Public Health Nurse. This position provides nursing/educational services in public health clinics, schools, and community outreach programs; communicable disease investigation; community assessment of needs; and coordination of prevention and promotional activities. The qualified applicant must possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing and one or more years of experience as a registered nurse; an Associate's Degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing or Nursing Diploma and a minimum of two years of experience as a registered nurse may be considered in lieu of a Bachelor's Degree. Public health nursing and grant writing experience is a plus. This position has an excellent benefits package. Please send resumes to Lafayette County Health Department, 547 South Business Highway 13, Lexington, MO 64067; or e-mail to thomas.emerson@lpha.mo.gov. Please call 660-259-4371 extension 224, for more information. Resume deadline is January 20.

TELEHEALTH COORDINATOR - Missouri Telehealth Network

The Missouri Telehealth Network seeks candidates for the position of a Telehealth Coordinator. This position acts as a communication liaison for the Show-Me Echo programs and telemedicine clinic. For a detailed job description and to apply, please visit the [Human Resource Services, University of Missouri website](#). The University of Missouri is fully committed to achieving the goal of a diverse and inclusive academic community of faculty, staff, and students. We seek individuals who are committed to this goal and core campus values of respect, responsibility, discovery, and excellence. The University of Missouri is an Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro-Disabled and Veteran Employer. To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations, please contact the Office of Accessibility and ADA Education at 573-884-7278.

RN HOME HEALTH SUPERVISOR - Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency

The Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency seeks a Registered Nurse (RN) Home Health Supervisor. The qualified candidate must have a valid Missouri RN license, prior experience working in home health, and possess leadership and supervisory skills necessary to ensure quality operation within fiscal guidelines. Interested candidates should apply with the Monroe County Health Department and Home Health Agency, 310 North Market, Paris, MO 65275. Interested candidates may also call 660-327-4259.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR/TRAINING COORDINATOR – St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health seeks candidates for the position of a full-time Environmental Supervisor/Training Coordinator. This position will be responsible for enforcing various environmental health codes and county ordinances and adhering to state procedures and methods by inspecting; investigating; and issuing notices of violation on regulated facilities. In addition, this position will coordinate continuing education for our environmental health staff and participate in maintaining their standardization in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. This position is normally scheduled to work Monday through Friday, but they will work occasional evenings and weekends. The deadline to apply for this position is January 20. To apply or for more information, please click [here](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER - WASTE/AIR POLLUTION CONTROL – St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health seeks candidates for the position of a full-time Environmental Manager - Waste/Air Pollution Control. This Environmental Manager reports to the division director and coordinates with upper management and county administration on significant developments or policy changes to ensure smooth transition and implementation. The administrative duties involving internal procedures and budgeting processes are extensive and require close monitoring and coordination with other departments and groups to ensure that timely and compliant actions are taken. Since the St. Louis County Department of Public Health is a leader in environmental protection in Missouri, having representation on key organizations and initiatives is crucial to advancing our leadership role and developing effective partnerships. The deadline to apply for this position is January 20. To apply or for more information, please click [here](#).

Bret Fischer, Acting Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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